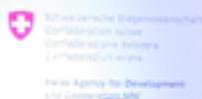


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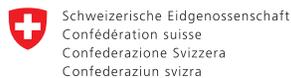
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QUARTERLY REPORT

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SCOPE OF THE REPORT

This report covers the period from 1st April to 31st June 2014, the second quarter of Year Seven of the implementation phase of the Economic Empowerment of the Poorest Challenge Fund (EEP)¹. The report format is consistent with and cross-references previous reports, and includes an Executive Summary, quarterly progress against annual log frame targets, sections detailing progress against each of the five programme outputs and gender mainstreaming, followed by updates on Management and Finance (with a subsection on Value for Money). Annexes provide further information the programme plan, working locations, and highlights from each of the funds achieved during the first quarter.

¹ The EEP project is also known by the name *Shiree*; Shiree and EEP are used interchangeably throughout

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This quarter has been a productive period for EEP both in terms of project implementation, monitoring and impact evaluation, and an important milestone has been reached: we have completed all beneficiary recruitment and there are now over 1 million direct beneficiaries in the programme; this is more than double the original programme target at output level.

All **Scale Fund Round 1** Phase 1 beneficiary households (total 82,201 HHs) received continued monitoring, and targeted HHs within this cohort received direct nutritional support. The NGOs in Phase 2 continued to deliver regular activities (livelihood interventions and nutrition) to 96,659 beneficiary households.

Scale Fund Round 2 partners (43,000 HHs) continued their ongoing project implementation activities, including asset transfers and other direct support, as well as advocacy for the provision of access to safety nets.

Scale Fund Round 3 (12,000 HHs), “Scaled Up Innovation Projects”, have continued ongoing project implementation activities including asset transfers and associated training activities.

All 48,800 **Scale Out** households have been receiving asset transfers, training and associated activities according to individual sub project intervention models.

EEP has continued its activity plan to review the Savings related activities of Scale Fund partners. Further meetings and field visits were held with partners to review progress, and support the sustainability of the savings groups. A Presentation of Findings and Recommendations by the Savings Committee was held at this Quarter’s Scale Fund Lesson Learning Workshop. A priority is to establish savings strategies across all partner NGOs to help secure this vital source of resilience and re-investment potential for HHs.

In the **Innovation Fund Round 3 and 4**, the core focus this quarter was on guidance and support, and self-review workshops. Lesson learning was completed with another IF3 project this quarter and 4 completed lesson learning reports for closed down IF 3 projects are due to be published next quarter.

The **Change Monitoring System (CMS)** is increasingly well-supported by partners, and the EEP team continues to enhance the core components. The data analysis and report writing for the CMS1 Baseline Report was completed, and the report is to be published early next quarter. Data cleaning has been completed for further CMS 1 data received from Scale Fund Round 3 and Scale Out BHHs and the data analysis will commence next quarter. Following the revision of the **CMS 2** smart phone application questionnaire last quarter, refresher trainings were completed with all Partner NGOs this quarter to introduce the update, and stress the need for data quality. The annual **CMS 3** survey was completed in April and data analysis was conducted by The University of Cambridge and the EEP MIS team. The final CMS 3 2014 Report is to be presented and published next quarter. The editing of the remaining **CMS 5** Reflections on Interventions (ROIs) Round 3 was still ongoing, using internal and external capacity and more ROIs are due for publication in Q3. The Research Officers and the Research Focal Point have reviewed all past ROIs and will base their findings on designing upcoming Working Papers and potential future ROI survey rounds.

Data collection for the smart phone based real-time **Graduation Monitoring System (GMS)** was initiated during this quarter and initial data was received and analysed by the EEP MIS team. Based on GMS data analysis, non-graduated HHs were identified and verified in the field. The purpose of the GMS is to complement CMS-2 in identifying non-graduated households for top-up support. Planning for the Top-Up support delivery processes was initiated, and the recovery package HH development and financial disbursement is due to begin next quarter. The development of the real-time smart phone-based

Livestock Monitoring System (LMS) was completed and rolled out with Scale Fund Round 3 (Scale Up) partner, MJSKS.

The new **Head of Advocacy and Research** joined EEP to lead the research team and increase the pace of lesson learning and dissemination of learning from EEP across multiple platforms both within Bangladesh and internationally. Recruitment of the NGO-funded Research Officers (ROs) continued. 8 new Working Papers were published following a review. RO work plans have been finalised and planning for the next round of Working Papers is ongoing.

A well-attended (72 participants) **Extreme Poverty Research Group (EPRG)** was held in June at the BRAC Centre on the theme “Graduating the Poorest: No One Left Behind”. Presentations were made from Bath University, BRAC, UNDP, PPRC and EEP.

The **Manifesto for the Extreme Poor** was presented to the Planning Minister and the Civil Aviation Minister during an inter-ministerial workshop. The nationwide campaign to increase support for the Manifesto amongst local governments, the private sector and the public continued. The major annual advocacy event, **Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day**, took place this quarter with World Food Programme and Manusher Jonno Foundation as co-hosts and over 1,500 participants from GoB, Donors, NGOs, Private Sector, Academic think tanks and many more. The ICT State Minister and the RDCD State Minister gave a speech in support for the Manifesto.

The **Nutrition Component** continued to make good progress with drug and micronutrient distribution, reaching up to 96% of the targeted beneficiaries in the quarter and 89% overall. The CPK refresher trainings were completed with all Scale Fund Partner NGOs this quarter and the field implementation of the new Gender and Nutrition Behavioural Change Counselling modules beneficiary courtyard sessions has commenced. Two new **Nutrition Innovation Fund** projects commenced project implementation activities.

Gender Mainstreaming efforts continued with the roll-out of the Gender Behavioural Change Counselling modules with Scale Fund Partners and the completion and presentation of findings from the Gender Adviser’s investigation on “how to empower women with IGAs”. The latter will be published as a Guidance Note next quarter.

EEP distributed £3.3 million in **grant disbursements**, and conducted internal audits of partner NGOs. EEP was able to improve the direct delivery percentage of five projects significantly through budget negotiation. Two no-cost extensions of Innovation Fund projects were approved. Cost reductions were made through seeking partnerships for the arrangement of EEP Day.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS AGAINST ANNUAL LOGFRAME TARGETS

The following table illustrates progress against Logframe indicators.

Table 2: Outcome and Output Indicator Summary

Outcome Indicator 1	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
Number of people graduated from extreme poverty (gender segregated)	100,585 BHH, 384,113 people (F: 205,385, M: 178,728)	To be updated in Q3 following CMS3 analysis.	2013 achievement: 54,943 BHHs, 203,489 people (F:108,805, M:94,683)
Outcome Indicator 2	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
2.1 Improved nutritional status of target groups for the Accelerated Improved Nutrition for Extreme	No targets until 2015		N/A
2.2 Improved nutritional status of target groups for the Accelerated Improved Nutrition for Extreme Poor in Bangladesh project-pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and adolescent girls			N/A
Outcome Indicator 3	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
Actions, attributable to EEP advocacy effort, taken by government, donors, private sector and non-state actors that impact on the key livelihood constraints faced by the extreme poor.	Milestone 2014 - 20 significant local or national actions (cum) attributable to EEP interventions	4 actions (see annex for details)	2013 achievement: 17 actions Q1 2014 achievement: 11 actions
Output Indicator 1	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June

			2014
1.1. Extreme Poor Direct beneficiary households (people) that have received first intervention of livelihood support (cash transfer or asset transfer/ training) for Scale Fund activities (cum)	281,850 (1,047,269 of which 559,975 female, 487,294 male)	28,816 HHs (97,686 of which 52,233 female, 46,430 male)	261,388 (886,105 of which 473,800 female, 421,166 male)
1.2 Extreme Poor Direct beneficiary households (people) that have received supplementary support for Scale Fund activities (cum) based on CMS2 census snapshot monitoring data	12,000 HH (44,960 people of which 24,036 female and 20,920 male)	0	0
1.3. Proportion of direct transfer costs in NGO budgets	average value 53%	N/A	N/A
Output Indicator 2	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
2.1 Extreme Poor Households (people) that have received first intervention of livelihood support (asset transfer, cash transfer, training) for Innovation Fund activities	26,963 (103,657 of which 55,425 female, 48,232 male)	N/A	26,947 (105,093 of which 56,193 female, 49,950 male)
2.2 Innovation fund lesson learning reports produced	100% of projects at end of cycle (within 3 months of close = 19 reports)	Due in Q3 and Q4	13
2.3 Innovations that progress to Scale	No target until 2015	N/A	5
Output Indicator 3	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
3.1 Findings of extreme poverty relevant research disseminated	20 (cum) working papers and/or policy briefs published via website	8	24

among EP actors in Bangladesh through publication			
3.2 Thematic reports and web-based visualisation based on CMS data disseminated among EP actors in Bangladesh	5 CMS based reports	0	4
3.3 Participation in EEP facilitated research forums (meetings or online) from a diverse set of relevant organisations that contribute to dialogue and increased understanding of extreme poverty and ways of reducing extreme poverty	200 (cum) participants across 5 categories of participants (donor agency, NGO, research/academic organisations, government bodies, projects, other)	1 EPRG meeting with >76 participants. 1 Lesson Learning Workshop with >50 participants.	2013 achievement: 4 EPRG meetings with an attendance of over 200 (approx. 60 at each meeting) and 2 Lesson Learning Workshops with about 100 participants (one joint with CLP) Q1 2014 achievement: 1 EPRG with > 84 participants
Output Indicator 4	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
4.1 National and subnational fora at which the challenges* faced by the extreme poor are presented and discussed	At least 4 national and 8 sub national advocacy events /campaigns (cum)	2national and 1 sub national advocacy events/campaigns. EEP/Shiree arranged Inter-ministerial meeting where the Manifesto was presented. EEP/Shiree and Partner NGOs arranged the sharing of the Manifesto with local government and local elites EEP/Shiree hosted the Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day	2013 achievement: 11 national fora including Extreme Poverty Jagannath University briefing - and the APPG MP briefing 7 District-level advocacy workshops Q1 2014 achievement: 6 sub-national advocacy events/campaigns.

4.2 Public Media coverage of the challenges faced by the extreme poor	35 (cum) national newspaper pieces (>500 words, >30% in Bangla) or radio interviews or TV bulletins	11 Op-Eds in English national dailies and 1 in Bangla national daily newspaper	2013 achievement: 17 op-eds in English and 4 in Bangla newspapers; 2 newspaper supplements; and 5 radio discussions on the Manifesto Q1 2014 achievement: 12 Op-Eds in English national dailies and 1 in Bangla national daily newspaper were published
4.3 Level of awareness of entitlements to safety nets	4% report don't know	Do not know-3% (Source: CMS 2 response to questions "Are you entitled to any government safety nets?")	
Output Indicator 5	Milestone 2014	2014 Quarter 2 (April-June)	Cumulative Progress up till June 2014
5.1 Number of households receiving regular visits from nutrition volunteers	90% mothers =22,468 out of total 24,964	6,620 out of 6,900 (96%) pregnant women &8,430 out of 8,864 (95%) breastfeeding mothers received regular visits from nutrition volunteers	N/A
5.2 Targeted beneficiaries receiving either Iron and folic acid tablets or multiple micronutrient supplements	85% pregnant and breast feeding women Receiving IFA = 19,097 out of 22,468 85% adolescent girls receiving IFA = 59,616 out of total 70,136	6,168 out of 6,649 (98%) pregnant women & 7,964 out of 8,464 (94%) breastfeeding mothers received IFA 51,856 out of 55,050 (94%) adolescent girls received IFA 8,654 out of 16,548 (52%)	N/A

	85% children 6-23 months old receiving MNS = 21,285 out of total 25,041	6-23 months old receiving MNS.	
5.3 Innovation for increasing access to high quality diet and diversity for the extreme poor tested, evaluated and lessons shared	At least 2 innovations identified and implementation started	1	3

PROGRESS AGAINST OUTPUTS

A key milestone was reached this quarter after completion of all beneficiary enrolment. Given an average family size of 3.39 the project has now exceeded the original target of 1 million direct beneficiaries. The original programme target was for 150,000 direct beneficiary HH (approx. 508,000 people at 3.39); hence the programme is on course to achieve about double the expected direct impact.

Table 1: Total EEP Beneficiary Household Coverage

Fund Type	BHH Target	Cumulative Progress Mar2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June 2014)
		HH Number	HH Number	HH Number
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 1)	82,850	82,201	82,201	-
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 2)	96,000	96,649	96,649	-
Scale Fund Round 2	43,000	43,000	43,000	-
Scale Fund Round 3	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Scale Out	48,800	-	48,800	-
Sub Total SF	282,650	282,650	282,650	-
Innovation Round 1	6,754	6,754	6,754	-
Innovation Round 2	5,465	5,449	5,449	-
Innovation Round 3	7,160	7,160	7,160	-
Innovation Round 4	7,600	7,600	7,600	-
Sub Total SIF	26,979	26,963	26,963	-
Grand Total	309,629	309,613	309,613	-

OUTPUT 1 - PROVEN APPROACHES TO IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF THE EXTREME POOR TAKEN TO SCALE BY LARGE NGOS

Beneficiary household enrolment on to the programme was completed for all 9 mature Scale Fund projects; for the 5 new Scale-Up projects, the process of developing family IGA micro plans, asset selection and delivery is on-going with newly selected BHHs. For all Scale Out BHHs, CMS 1 Baseline data collection was completed. Eligible households in Round 1 (both Phases) and Round 2 have continued to receive inputs from the nutrition component².

CMS2 was rolled out with new Scale Fund Round 3 partners to supplement CMS-2 data collection with Scale Fund Round 1 and 2 partners. Data collection for the Graduation Monitoring System (GMS) was a key new activity initiated, with gradual field staff training and roll-out among Scale Fund Round 1 Phase 1 Partners.

²For more detailed information on Nutrition, see the nutrition section.

Key developments from each Scale Fund NGO are highlighted in Annex 2; a summary is provided below for each Round.

The tables below highlight progress in asset/cash delivery, provision of training, and safety net support across each of the Scale Fund rounds.

Table 3: Asset Delivery

Fund Type	BHH Target	Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June 2014)
		HH Number	HH Number	HH Number
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 1)	82,850	82,070	82,070	-
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 2)	96,000	95,670	96,462	792
Scale Fund Round 2	3,000	42,976	42,976	-
Scale Fund Round 3	12,000	9,965	12,000	2,035
Scale Out	48,800	1,891	27,880	25,989
Total SF	282,650	232,572	261,388	28,816

Table 4: Training Delivery

Fund Type	BHH Target	Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June 2014)
		HH Number	HH Number	HH Number
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 1)	82,850	278,291	278,291	-
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 2)	96,000	61,526	65,077	3,551
Scale Fund Round 2	43,000	52,170	52,170	-
Scale Fund Round 3	12,000	8,780	10,898	2,118
Scale Out	48,800	-	6,398	6,398
Total SF	282,650	400,767	412,834	12,067

Access to Safety nets

In addition to asset transfer activities, many partner NGOs conduct various advocacy activities on behalf of their beneficiaries, such as lobbying for khas land, and helping to link BHHs to government safety nets. Whilst linking households to safety nets is not a direct EEP output, such actions help to improve BHH resilience.

Savings Operation Team actions

The EEP/Shiree Savings Operation Committee conducted a number of follow-up field investigations with Partner NGOs following initial strategy meetings to further review the implementation of savings work plans and exit strategies in the field. Further review meetings were conducted with Partner NGOs to finalise Savings Strategy work plans. Meetings and visits were held with Save the Children and Green Hill. A documentary was produced about Green Hill's Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) and Oxfam conducted a scoping visit to observe and learn from these VSLA models. Findings and Recommendations from the Savings Operation Committee were presented to Scale Fund Partners during the Lesson Learning Workshop in April 2014.

Next Steps and Focus Areas for Saving Operation Committee in 2014 during Partner NGO Reviews:

- Continue follow-up and support to Scale Fund Partner NGOs to end of the programme
- Aim to establish sustainable Savings Strategies and Work Plans with all NGOs
- Conduct field visits to: Concern Worldwide, Uttaran, Caritas
- Conduct field visits and meetings with: HKI, Shushilan, MJSK, Helvetas

OUTPUT 2 - INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOODS OF THE EXTREME POOR TESTED, EVALUATED, AND SUCCESSES READY FOR SCALING UP

Innovation Fund Round 3

Core activities continued with a large emphasis on guidance, training and follow up support. No assets were transferred.

The projects at SSS, ADD and Tanisha (SCI) completed their 3 year project cycles. The Lesson Learning process was conducted with these projects and reports are due next quarter. Lesson Learning Reports for GUK and Plan projects were completed as of 31st December 2013, and will be published next quarter.

Table 5: Training

Fund Type	BHH Target	Training (HH)		
		Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number	Number	Number
Innovation Round 3	7,160	7,478	7,478	-

[NB. HH may have received training for more than one IGA support]

Innovation Fund Round 4

All IFR 4 NGOs have continued to deliver core project activities. Most of the IFR 4 projects have completed at least 2 out of 3 years of project activities and HelpAge and iDE IF4 projects are due to complete by the end of next quarter.

Table 6: Assets

Fund Type	BHH Target	Asset transfer (HH)		
		Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number	Number	Number
Innovation Round 4	7,600	7,584	7,584	-

[NB. HHs may have received training for more than one IGA support]

Table 7: Training

Fund Type	BHH Target	Training (HH)		
		Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number	Number	Number
Innovation Round 4	7,600	9,922	9,922	-

A full list of key developments from each IF Round 3 and 4 NGO are highlighted in Annex 3

OUTPUT 3 - INCREASING CONSISTENCY IN THE UNDERSTANDING, SHARING AND APPLICATION OF APPROACHES TO ADDRESSING EXTREME POVERTY

EEP's Change Monitoring System (CMS) is the integrated M&E system for the programme. Updates and descriptions of each component can be found under the 'Extreme Poverty Monitor' tab on the EEP/Shiree homepage.

Change Monitoring System (CMS)

More emphasis was placed on using the real time data from CMS2 and the Graduation Monitoring System (GMS) to guide project interventions - especially the use of the new Supplementary Support Fund. The new GMS system is used to focus attention on those HHs that are struggling to graduate from extreme poverty.

Households that have graduated (verified via GMS assessment) will be excluded from regular monthly CMS2 monitoring. This will reduce the monitoring burden on field staff and allow a focussing of resources towards achieving graduation enhancement.

CMS1 Progress:

CMS1 data cleaning was completed for Scale Fund Round 3 and Scale Out BHHs. Data analysis will commence during next quarter. The tables below show progress on CMS 1 data, for funds where progress was made this quarter only.

Table 8: Progress on CMS1 household Baseline profiling

Fund Type	BHH Target	CMS1 Baseline profiling				
		Cumulative Progress 2014	Mar	Cumulative Progress 2014	June	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number		Number		Number
Scale Out	48,800		-	46,639		46,639
Sub Total SF	282,650		233,850	280,489		46,639

Table 9: Progress on CMS1 household Baseline profile data entry

Fund Type	BHH Target	CMS1 Baseline profile data entry				
		Cumulative Progress 2014	Mar	Cumulative Progress 2014	June	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number		Number		Number
Scale out	48,800		-	30,604		30,604
Sub Total SF	282,650		229,765	233,850		30,604

CMS2 Progress:

Several key CMS-2 activities took place:

- NGO partners received comprehensive refresher training, placing emphasis on the quality side of data collection. This training included the revised CMS 2 questions, and has improved quality.
- CMS-2 was showcased at the Social Protection Conference in Rwanda on 6th-8th May 2014 and at the Effective Development Conference on Monitoring and Evaluation in Bangkok in 15th- 16th May 2014. Both events brought speakers from around the world to share their experiences of using various M&E tools to tackle development challenges.

Table 10: Progress on CMS2 Household registration

Fund Type	BHH Target	CMS2 Household registration		
		Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number	Number	Number
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 1)	82,850	63,658	63,658	-
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 2)	96,000	90,721	95,376	4,655
Scale Fund Round 2	43,000	43,000	43,000	-
Scale Fund Round 3	-	-	2,000	2,000
Sub Total SF	221,850	197,379	204,034	6,655
Innovation Round 3	7,160	7478	7,478	-
Innovation Round 4	7,600	7600	7,600	-
Sub Total SIF	14,760	15,078	15,078	0
Grand Total	236,610	212,457	219,112	6,655

Table 11: Progress on CMS2 Household follow-up

Fund Type	BHH Target	CMS2 Household follow up		
		Cumulative Progress Mar 2014	Cumulative Progress June 2014	Progress this Quarter (April - June)
		Number	Number	Number
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 1)	82,850	63,658	63,658	-
Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 2)	96,000	766,047	931,426	165,379
Scale Fund Round 2	43,000	354,426	447,197	92,771
Sub Total SF	221,850	862,518	1,442,281	258,150
Innovation Round 3	7,160	40586	46,225	5,639
Innovation Round 4	7,600	60105	77,922	17,817
Sub Total SIF	14,760	75,635	124,147	23,456
Grand Total	236,610	938,153	1,566,428	281,606

Table 12: Unique CMS 2 surveys

Month:	Number of unique CMS2 household surveys:
April 2014	98,751
May 2014	101,212
June 2014	91,041

There has been a slight reduction in data being collected each month. This can partly be explained by the CMS 2 Refresher Training which was conducted with field officers this and last quarter with an emphasis on quality of data above quantity. However, generally data collection have been on an increasing trend, particularly as NGO partners become used to the system and re-organise field officer activities. Key to the system is the ability to interpret and use the data – this is where the visualisation will play an increasingly critical role for EEP’s partners, in particular as they can identify struggling households in need of extra support, but also to identify trends, sub groups and success stories from which to learn.

***Graduation Monitoring System (GMS):** Short one-off graduation assessments to count and “bank” BHHs who have completed economic empowerment activities to determine who have graduated and who have not.*

GMS Progress

Whilst CMS-3 provides EEP’s headline reporting graduation figure, it is based on a sample survey, and hence is not able to indicate which specific HHs have graduated across the entire programme. The purpose of the GMS is to guide the Graduation Enhancement Strategy involving a total of three steps:

1. Regular and concise monitoring of all households
2. Identifying struggling households from Phase 1 (that have undergone min 2 years of project intervention)
3. Enhancing their likelihood of graduating from extreme poverty via supplementary support or other interventions.

Using the GMS, the Phase 1 beneficiary households that appear not to have graduated will be identified and put onto the regular monthly CMS-2 monitoring plan alongside Phase 2 beneficiary households. A follow-up strategy will be implemented with these ‘struggling’ households.

The GMS application was rolled out with Partner NGOs this quarter, as a one-off survey application that will allow BHHs to assess their graduation status. It is now a core part of the graduation enhancement strategy, alongside regular CMS-2 monthly follow-ups.

***Livestock Monitoring System (LMS):** mobile phone based intelligent livestock and management monitoring application, to monitor the maintenance and mortality of livestock; a core issue for some sub projects.*

LMS Progress

EEP/Shiree's technical partner Mpower worked in partnership with EEP/Shiree to roll-out the LMS with the partner NGO MJSK as part of EEP/Shiree's commitment to continue learning about effectiveness of different methods to ameliorate livestock death.

CMS3 Progress

Following completion of the annual CMS 3 survey last quarter, data cleaning and data analysis was conducted throughout this quarter by academics from Cambridge University and the EEP/Shiree MIS team. This year's CMS dataset was considerably larger than in previous years given the expansion of the sample size to 6 cohorts of 64HH to allow scale up and scale-out component monitoring. The final CMS 3 report will be presented and published in the next quarter. The CMS3 report will provide detail of data sampling and analysis.

As Graduation has become a key theme and reporting requirement within the extreme poor portfolio at DFID, Cambridge University has in collaboration with the EEP/Shiree Management Support Unit produced a separate report: *"A combined Quantitative and Qualitative examination of factors contributing to the graduation from extreme poverty of Bangladeshi households between March 2010 and March 2013"*. This report combines CMS 3 and CMS 5 findings on different quantitative and qualitative aspects of graduation and resilience and it contains in-depth analysis of graduation from extreme poverty using the EEP/Shiree graduation index and 'squared poverty gap' analysis. This Graduation Report was published and is now available on the EEP/Shiree website.

CMS5 Progress:

72 ROIs (Reflections on the Intervention) reports have been produced in the third round and are in the process of final editing with the aim of publishing on the EEP website by next quarter.

Research

Coordination meetings were held with the new Head of Research and Advocacy, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, the new Research Focal Point and the newly recruited Research Officers regarding the Research Agenda 2014-2015 and individual work plans were designed for the Research team members.

Extreme Poverty Research Group (EPRG)

The 15th EPRG on 'Graduating the Poorest: No One Left Behind' was held on 15th June 2014 at the BRAC Centre and chaired by Abdul Majid Mallik from Uttaran, an EPRG Panel Member, with over 72 participants. Presentations and minutes can be found on our website - www.shiree.org/eprg/eprg15

Working Papers

Following the academic review by Bath University, All 11 Phase 4 papers were finalised, uploaded on to the EEP/Shiree website, and displayed at Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day on 31st May 2014. The Research team is currently reviewing past Reflections on the Intervention (ROIs) with the aim to identify research themes for the next round of working papers.

OUTPUT 4 - POLICY AND PRACTICE AT LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS SHOWS INCREASING RECOGNITION OF THE NEEDS OF THE EXTREME POOR

Update on the Manifesto for the Extreme Poor

- **Government of Bangladesh:** EEP/Shiree presented the Manifesto for the Extreme Poor at the inter-ministerial workshop attended by Secretaries and Director Generals representing ten ministries, as well as to the Planning Minister and to the Civil Aviation Minister. All of the Ministers supported the Manifesto and they recorded testimonials of their support which were shared on YouTube. The Finance Minister also included eradication of extreme poverty in his budget speech.
- **Experts' dialogue:** Hossain Zillur Rahman hosted a discussion on next steps to be taken following the inter-ministerial workshop.
- **Dissemination:** The Manifesto was printed in the Daily Star and Prothom Alo newspapers for greater outreach.

Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day, 31st May 2014

- The World Food Programme and Manusher Jonno Foundation partnered with EEP/Shiree to host the Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day on 31st May 2014. There were over 1,500 participants and the ICT State Minister and RDCD State Minister spoke in support.
- Several notable high profile officials participated in the event, including the Country Director of Concern, the CEO of the Centre for Zakat Management and the CEO of COEL.
- Several potential partnerships came out of the event:
 - Chevron is in discussion with Caritas.
 - Bkash holds promising potential to partner up with NGOs through their savings and transaction services.
 - Holcim is interested in working with Save the Children and DSK in Khulna.
 - The Centre for Zakaat Management is interested in financing several initiatives taken by the NGOs.

Feedback forms are being used to follow up with these companies and NGOs.

Private Sector Engagement

- Discussions are in progress for partnering up Classical Handmade Products Ltd with investors to set up an export-oriented craft factory in a rural locality. This would create 1,800 jobs for the extreme poor.

Communications

- The Op-Ed campaign continues to grow.

Annex 4 provides examples of a fuller range of activities coordinated by partner NGOs and their direct local impacts.

Webstats Highlights

- During the second quarter of 2014, the total number of visits to www.shiree.org was 29,622 among which 12,853 were new 'unique' visitors. This was an increase of 22.34% since the last quarter.
- Most hits came from Bangladesh (432,247), followed by Great Britain (63,031).

OUTPUT 5 - DIRECT NUTRITION SUPPORT PROVIDED TO EXTREME POOR MOTHERS, CHILDREN, ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Nutrition Scale Fund: Direct Nutrition Intervention (DNI)

Visits and Counselling

The following women and adolescent girls were visited, counselled or received a follow-up visit on age-appropriate feeding practices and supplementation at least once in this quarter:

Table 13: Visits and Counselling

Category	Target	Achievement	%
Pregnant women who receiving at least one visit	6,900	6,620	96%
Breastfeeding mothers of 0-6 month old children receiving at least one visit	8,864	8,430	95%
Mothers of 6-23 month old children receiving at least one visit	24,629	23,657	96%
Mothers of 24-59month old children receiving one visit	55,074	51,155	93%
Adolescent girls receiving at least one visit	56,588	54,590	96%

Drug Distribution

The distribution of medication and supplementation was continued and Micro Nutrient Powder (MNP) distribution started across partners in June. Other activities such as counselling, IFA supplementation and de-worming distribution are also on-going.

Table 14: Drug Distribution

Category	Target	Achievement	%
Pregnant women who received iron and folic acid (IFA) tablets	6,649	6,168	93%
Pregnant women who consumed the correct dose of iron and folic acid (IFA) tablets	6,168	5,745	93%
Breastfeeding mothers who received iron and folic acid (IFA) tablets	8,464	7,964	94%
Breastfeeding mothers who consumed the correct dose of iron and folic acid (IFA) tablets	7,964	7,585	95%
Adolescent girls (10-16 years) who received iron and folic acid (IFA) tablets	55,050	51,856	94%
Adolescent girls (10-16 years) who consumed the correct dose of iron and folic acid (IFA) tablets	51,856	49,433	95%
6-23 month old children who received MNP*	16,548	8,654	52%
12-24 month old children who consumed <i>Anthelmintics</i>	8,026	6,491	81%
24-59 month old children who consumed <i>Anthelmintics</i>	17,106	14,500	85%
Adolescent girls (10-16 years) consumed <i>Anthelmintics</i>	27,580	23,714	86%
Breastfeeding mothers (mothers of 0-5m old children) who consumed <i>Anthelmintics</i>	3,140	2,277	73%
Other family members of nutrition target group consumed <i>Anthelmintics</i>	43,833	31,089	71%

*New activity

Basic training for new CPKs

Basic training has commenced for the newly recruited Community Pushti Kormis (CPKs) across 9 scale fund partners. This will enable the rapid roll out and integration of the nutrition intervention within these scale-out projects. All training should be completed by July. 63% of CPKs received basic training in this quarter.

Refresher training on Basic Nutrition, IYCF and Gender-Nutrition

90% of CPKs who were engaged in nutrition intervention implementation for more than one year received refresher training on nutrition and training on gender incorporated in the existing nutrition intervention. Gender and nutrition covered several topics such as: socialisation, gender vs. sex, gender division of labour, gender roles, gender needs, patriarchy, masculinities, power and violence, early marriage, the benefits of a small family, household work sharing, equal health and nutrition practices, and personal hygiene.

Social Mobilisation

As a new activity, 6 partner NGOs commenced one day formal orientation of the adolescent girls. The following numbers of individuals have been included in one-day social mobilisation events in this quarter.

Table 15: Social Mobilisation Events

Social Mobilisation Interactions	Number
Adolescent girls*	3,910
Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA)	670
Religious Leaders	132
Teachers	54
Village Doctors	62
UP Members / Local Government/ public leader	117

*New activity

Nutrition Innovation Fund

TOYMU Project, Lama, CHT: Combat Protein Deficiency by Pigeon Keeping (CPDPK)

In its third quarter of operations the TOYMU project has been progressing very slowly against the planned timeline. A simple baseline was conducted by TOYMU project personnel under the guidance of EEP/Shiree. At the end of June cages had been distributed to 14 BHHs. Other inputs (pigeons and chickens) are yet to be distributed to households.

In addition, a number of weaknesses have been identified in the project's monitoring capacity. Given the need for Nutrition Innovation Fund projects to generate robust evidence as to their efficacy, EEP/Shiree has planned and budgeted for a series of short term technical inputs from a consultant (Md Masud Rana). Under his and EEP/Shiree Programme Managers' guidance, a detailed delivery plan was prepared in the presence of the project staff and the Executive Director. As per the detailed operational plan (distribution of direct delivery), TOYMU will be delivering the assets (pigeons and chickens, including food and cages)

to 300+ households in 4 phases, over the next couple of months. Input distribution will be complete by August.



Distributing pigeon and chicken cages in Gajalia Union

WorldFish Project, Sunamgonj: Fish Consumption in the First 1000 Days for Increased Protein Intake and Improved Nutrition

The WorldFish Project is making good progress. The project has undertaken an intensive period of planning to ensure that the planned monitoring framework will generate statistically robust evidence on the impact of the intervention using key indicators of nutritional status. In this quarter the woman's product (dry fish based chutney) is now finalised and in production by Sylhet based private sector partner Nicobena foods. Distribution is due next quarter.

The child food product (dry fish/sweet potato and rice porridge) has undergone significant development and testing. However, recent food safety testing has indicated that early batches contain unsafe levels of contamination. Despite WF controlling the sourcing of ingredients and the production environment, testing found faecal contamination and levels of aflatoxin (a natural toxin produced by *the Aspergillus* fungus) that could be harmful to the target group (children aged 6-23 months). Given the ethical implications and reputational risk to DFID, EEP/Shiree, and World Fish, production has been halted and plans for distribution have been delayed. Identified next steps are for food testing of the constituent ingredients to identify the source of contamination, and put processes in place to control it. The aflatoxin is likely to be from mould on the potatoes whilst faecal contaminants are likely derived from the gut of the fish.

New Projects

Save the Children Project, Khulna: Improvement of nutritional status of Children under 2 years of age through increasing protein intake in extreme poor families using nutrition specific and sensitive approaches

The agreement for this project has been signed with EEP/Shiree. It will work with existing Scale Fund Beneficiary Households in Khulna and will focus on a package of interventions to increase protein intake.

This will include rearing Jinding hybrid ducks for egg production, and the introduction of a savings product and a costed dietary plan to be used at the initiation of complimentary feeding.

As part of the implementation activity, both a Senior Research Officer and a Research Officer have been recruited, and both staff members are in place in the field. The project is being implemented in four upazillas of Bagerhat District and the interventions, control unions and beneficiaries – 200 treatment and 200 control houses - have been selected. Baseline surveys will be rolled out cohort by cohort in July and August, and fifteen CPKs were selected for quarterly data collection. The development of BCC material and costed dietary plans is in progress, and the training on BCC material and the field test is due on July. Procurement of the ducks, duck shelters, materials required for home gardening and banks for small scale savings will be done by mid-July. The costed dietary plan food cards have been developed and printed.

The project was also guided by Md. Masud's short term consultancy for ensuring the proper management and integration of the project with Scale Fund operations. This evaluated the use of CPKs by the project and reported on how this is impacting on the implementation of the core Scale Nutrition interventions and assessing the viability of the intervention and the condition of households.

Terre des Hommes -Kurigram: From School to Homestead - A child-based aquaculture and gardening project

Terre des Hommes plan to work with their existing extreme poor households in Kuriagram District, Northern Bangladesh. Their project will pioneer small scale homestead aquaculture at schools and homes using school children as a conduit of learning to transfer technical knowledge to the home.

The project completed its 'Preparation Phase' and entered into its 'Learning Phase'. Administrative procedures, formal cooperation with schools, human resource related activities, staff training, and module preparation were completed. School-based education sessions for participating children in nutrition, pond management and WASH have begun in four schools (two run by Terre de Hommes, two run by GoB). Construction of gardens and ponds, and water infrastructure where required, was finalised and school sessions with children were started.

The project strongly benefitted from the support of the Aquaculture Expert, who spent more than 20 days in the field developing the technical procedures and the teaching materials, as well as conducting the training of project staff. She is continuing supervision from a distance and is in direct contact with the Aquaculture and Garden Programme Officer giving support whenever required.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The Gender Adviser has continued to make progress in mainstreaming gender within the programme. Key highlights from the quarter include:

EEP/Shiree

An in-house Review Session on EEP/Shiree Gender Mainstreaming Strategy Pillars was held and the Revised Gender Action Work Plan for 2014-2015 was written.

Operations

Empowering Women with IGA investigation

- Field visits were made to Caritas, Green Hill and Tarango projects.
- An IGA Guidance Note on “How to Empower Women with IGAs” is in the process of being finalised. Findings will be presented during the EEP/Shiree In-House session and at the Lesson Learning Workshop with Scale Fund Partners during the next Quarter.

Savings

- The EEP/Shiree Saving Operation Team gave a presentation at the Lesson Learning Workshop with partner NGOs on their assessment of the impact of female-led savings groups on women’s socio-economic empowerment.
- Preparation has begun for the design of a new CPK module on savings and financial literacy.

Graduation

- There were discussions on gender-related challenges and opportunities in relation to graduation from Extreme Poverty and Livelihoods programmes at the Lesson Learning Workshop with Scale Fund Partners at Satkhira from 27th-29th April 2014.
- In-house discussions were also held on the need to consider gender dynamics and female-friendly IGA packages during top-up support recovery plans with non-graduated BHHs.

Nutrition

- Roll out of Gender and Nutrition FOT for CPKs with all Scale Fund Partner NGOs upon completion of ToT last quarter.
- Also rolling out Nutrition and Gender Behavioural Change Counselling Modules in Courtyard Sessions and Individual Household Counselling Visits with all Scale Fund beneficiaries, facilitated by CPKs.
- 37 CPKs were awarded for their extraordinary efforts as Gender Change Makers at the Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day.

Outreach Coordination Events

- The CFO presented on ‘Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship’ at the Second Convention of the World Association of Business Schools in Islamic Countries (WAIBS) in Saudi Arabia. The Convention had the overarching theme ‘Enhancing Sustainable Growth in Islamic countries’. His presentation was based on EEP/Shiree findings and prepared by the Gender Adviser.
- The Gender Adviser and Advocacy & Research Analyst attended Skilful/SDC Event on ‘Skills for the Marginalised: Sharing Lessons from Mainstreaming Gender & Differently Abled People (DAP) in Skills Training’.
- Gender Adviser attended the National Gender Working Group Meeting held at Hellen Keller International office on Election of Chairperson and Agenda Setting for 2014/2015.

- The Gender Adviser and Research Focal Point attended the National Gender Working Group Meeting held at ULAB on the topic 'Gender in Emergencies'. Presentations were given by Save the Children, Plan International and Oxfam.
- The Gender Adviser and Research Focal Point also attended the World Vision and Steps Event 'National Sharing of the Research Report on Economic Justice for Women'.

Advocacy

- Gender Op-Eds
 - 'Sex vs. Gender: Deconstructing discrimination' - Kira Galbraith, Marie Sophie Pettersson and Phoebe Beedell.
 - 'No Agency for Child Brides' - Shazia Omar
 - 'Married at Twelve' - Shazia Omar
 - Preparation of the EEP/Shiree Gender Mainstreaming tab for the EEP/Shiree website
 - Advocacy Investigation on Child Marriage case studies with Save the Children in Khulna

CMS Analysis

- Gender analysis included in "A combined Quantitative and Qualitative examination of factors contributing to the graduation from extreme poverty of Bangladeshi households between March 2010 and March 2013" published this quarter.
- Gender analysis is included in Second State of Extreme Poverty Baseline Report to be published by next quarter.

Research

Gender working papers published in April 2014:

- 'Building Resilience: A Gender Sensitive Approach to Explore the Impact of EEP/Shiree Intervention' - Sonia Jesmin, Save The Children
- 'Coping Strategies and Challenges to Food Security of Female Headed Households in Coastal Areas' - Owasim Akram, Oxfam
- 'Assessing Women's Choice in the Asset Selection Process in the South-West Coastal Region of Bangladesh' - Sally Faulkner, Oxfam

EPRG 15 on 'Graduating the Poorest (part II): No One Left Behind'

- Presentation by Maheen Sultan and Lopita Huq, BRAC/CGST on 'Assessing the Performance of GQAL in Changing Gender Norms and Behaviour'

Gender and Development Professor Shirin M. Rai from University of Warwick initiated discussions with Professor Geof Wood and Professor Joe Devine about potential collaboration on gendered research from CMS 5.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Conference/Study Tour

- The Project Director and the Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser (YP) attended the 'Graduation and Social Protection Conference' in Rwanda, Kigali between 6th and 8th May.
- The Programmes Manager, Technology Manager and Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser (YP) attended the 'Effective Development Conference', between 15th and 16th May.
- An Exposure/Study Visit on Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation, Livelihood Improvement and the latest cooperative credit union policy and activities organised by EEP/Shiree was held in Kuala Lumpur from 26th May to 5th June. Ten mid-level officials from the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives attended.

Recruitment

- The new CEO (Eamoinn Taylor) was appointed.
- The new COO (Najir Khan) was appointed.
- The new Head of Advocacy and Research (Dr Zulfiqar Ali) joined in April.
- The YP-Research Focal Point joined in April under the supervision of the Research and Advocacy Manager. They will be responsible for supporting research activities and managing a small team of Research Officers embedded in EEP/Shiree.
- PM Nutrition: Interviews for this position will be held in July and the successful candidate will start in August.
- IT Support Officer: Interviews for this position will be held in July and the successful candidate will join in August.

Re-Contracted Information Officer

The CMS (YP) was re-contracted as Nutrition M&E Officer in June. He will work under the Nutrition Coordinator to support consolidation of the nutrition monitoring data.

Consultant

The Ex-Nutrition Coordinator is undertaking an assignment to support the Nutrition Innovation Fund monitoring in June.

Volunteer

A volunteer will join in July in the Nutrition Department. She is a student from Tripura in India pursuing a PhD in shifting agriculture as well as a Master's in Development Studies.

Resignation

International

- The COO resigned in April.

National

- PM Nutrition
- YP-Analyst, Advocacy & Research

End of contract of international staff during June

- Research and Advocacy Manager
- YP APM-Nutrition

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Management:

During April to June 2014 quarter, the Finance team revised and disbursed payments of **GBP 3,318,447.37**. This includes following disbursements:

Table 16: Disbursement summary to NGOs

Disbursements for Grantee NGOs	Disbursement GBP
9 Scale Fund (Round 1-Phase 2 and Round 2) NGOs	1,646,702.39
22 Nutrition Fund (14 Scale Fund Round 1-Phase 2, 3 Scale Fund Round 2 and 5 Scale fund Round 3 (Scale up)) NGOs	319,384.95
14 Innovation Fund (Round 3 and 4) NGOs	
5 Scale Fund Round 3 (Scale Up)NGOs 4 Innovation Nutrition Fund NGOs	956,044.47
Management, lesson learning, nutrition and procurement costs	396,315.56

All monthly accounts, treasury, EEP Day expenditure and other survey costs were prepared and checked by EEP finance team before the final versions were forwarded to Ecorys UK.

Forecasting

The Finance team has reviewed the EEP Forecast for the Financial Year April 2014 to March 2015 and submitted the first revision to British Council during June 2014.

Budget Reviews:

Scale Fund Round 1 Phase 2:

- Scale Fund Round 1 Phase 2 Grantee NGOs Uttaran, DSK, Save the Children and Practical Action Bangladesh completed their second year on 31st March 2014 and NETZ Bangladesh on 30th April 2014. Budget reviews were conducted and are still ongoing. Uttaran's 3rd year budget was endorsed.
- 4 meetings were held to discuss the budgets of NGO partners.

Innovation Fund

Innovation Fund Round 3:

- A proposal was submitted to the CEO of EEP/Shiree to extend the ADD project by two months.

Innovation Fund Round 4:

- A revised third year budget was approved for Help Age International on 28th May 2014.
- Extension proposal for the Tarango project '*Establishing Fair Trade Handicrafts Business for the Indigenous of Bandarban*' was reviewed and approved
- The total contracted value of Eco Development, Prip Trust and Tarango has increased in order to incorporate additional funds for the Management Intern's remuneration. Accordingly formalities for contract amendment are in progress.

Nutrition Innovation Fund (Round 5):

- Accountable Grant Agreement was signed with Save the Children on 6th April, 2014

Internal Audit/Financial Review:

Scale Fund Round 1 Phase 2:

- Draft internal audit report for Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK) and Practical Action Bangladesh (PAB) was shared with EEP CFO.
- As raised by the DSK internal audit team, a designated team of four from EEP/Shiree reviewed the migration issue visiting the DSK project office and unit office on **8th June and 11th June 2014 respectively**. Upon completion of the review the team submitted a presentation with a report on 12th June 2014. On 16th June the team discussed the findings and recommendations on DSK migration in a meeting with the DSK team.

Scale Fund Round 2:

- The Finance team reviewed and finalised the draft internal audit report of Concern Worldwide, ESEP Project and a feedback session was held at the Concern Worldwide Dhaka Office on 15th April 2014 with the Concern Worldwide and EEP/Shiree team.

Scale Fund Round 3:

- A four member EEP/Shiree team visited the **Making Markets Work for Women (M²W²) Scale Up project** of Helen Keller International for a Financial /Programme review on **20th – 23rd April, 2014**
- The team submitted a consolidated report and based on that report a meeting was held at EEP/Shiree Office with HKI and the EEP/Shiree management on 14th May 2014. Following this meeting, a team from EEP/Shiree and HKI visited the project again on 18th-20th May 2014. EEP CFO shared the combined visit reports with Helen Keller International for further progress in the implementation and financial control.
- A two member team visited the **MaNaR Project of Shushilan** for Finance/Programme visit on 4th -8th May 2014. The team submitted a consolidated report for review by EEP/Shiree CFO. EEP/Shiree CFO shared the report with Shushilan for Management responses.

Innovation Fund Round 3:

The EEP/Shiree internal audit team conducted the following internal audits:

Table 17: internal audits of IF Round 3

ADD	21 st May 2014
Invest Project, CWW	12 th , 14 th and 15 th May 2014

Innovation Fund Round 4:

- A draft internal audit report was prepared and reviewed for Save the Children – IF 4 project and Tarango for year 2. The reports were shared with the partner NGO for Management responses.
- A three member team from EEP/Shiree visited the **Prip Trust area office at Mohammadpur**. The visit was conducted based on the issue of *procurement related to supplementary IGA*. The EEP CEO visited Prip Trust and discussed important issues relating to procurement.

External Audits

Scale Fund Round 1 (Phase 2)

EEP committee selected the following audit firms for the 6 Scale Fund Round 1 Grantee NGOs:

Table 18: External Audit firms for Scale Fund Round 1 Phase 2

SF Round 1 (Phase 2) NGOs	Audit Firms
CARE Bangladesh	S. F. Ahmed & Co Chartered Accountants
Practical Action Bangladesh	Howlader Yunus & Co
Save the Children International	Aziz Halim& Co.
Uttaran	S. F. Ahmed & Co Chartered Accountants
NETZ	Nurul Faruk Hasan and Co. (Nufhas)
Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK)	Hoda Vasi & Co

All Five Scale Fund Round 1 external audit reports have been finalised. NETZ's draft report is under a review process.

Scale Fund Round 2

External auditor reports were finalised for the second year for Concern Worldwide.

Innovation Fund 3

- Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK) and Plan Bangladesh, completed their project cycles with a closure of the project external audit. ADD and Save the Children (Tanisha) projects were provided 6 month extensions and Concern Worldwide was provided a one year extension.
- External auditor reports were finalised for the third year for GUK and Plan Bangladesh, ADD and Save the Children (Tanisha). Draft reports were received for Concern Worldwide.
- SSS completed the project cycle on 31st May 2014 and an auditor has been appointed for conducting the external audit by Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co (NUFHAS).

Innovation Fund 4 Grantee NGOs:

Draft External Audit Reports were submitted and reviewed for 8 IF4 NGOs for year 2. External Audit report were finalised for Prip Trust, Tarango, Green Hill, iDE, Help Age and Save the Children for year 2. A draft report was received for Handicap International.

EEP External Audit:

- A draft ToR for the external audit of EEP/Shiree was reviewed in consultation with Harewelle/Ecorys and DFID for endorsement. It was decided that the selected auditor Howlader Yunus and Co would continue with the January 2013 – March 2014 external audit.
- Following endorsements by DFID, PMTC Bangladesh Ltd. issued the letter of appointment to Howlader Yunus and Co. as the EEP external auditor for the period of 1st January 2013 – 31st March 2014. The external audit is currently in process.

Revision of Fund Management Manual:

Dani Marunovic, Finance Director, International Development, Ecorys UK revised the Fund Management Manual in collaboration with Will Skinner from British Council, Manchester. Later further annexes were incorporated into the Manual including a one page note on Nutrition Fund and Scale Out Assessment. The revised version was sent to CFO of EEP/Shiree for further comments and will be sent to Ecorys UK and the British Council, Manchester for endorsing the revision as of May 2014.

GOB reporting

- The Finance team communicated with the Project Director and submitted all reports required by the Government of Bangladesh. GoB Quarterly reports were submitted by the MIS and administrative office of EEP.
- The Finance team prepared the FAPAD report for the year ending 30th June 2013 and submitted it to the FAPAD Auditor.

Procurement under Nutrition

During this quarter EEP/Shiree has completed the procurement of following items:

Table 19: Procurements under Nutrition

<i>Sl no.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Suppliers</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
1	Micronutrients Powder (1 gm Sachet)	Renata Limited	3,329,100

Updated Asset Register: The EEP finance team provided DFID with an updated consolidated asset register as of 31st March 2014 for the Scale and Innovation Fund NGOs.

Physical Inventory: EEP physical inventory check was held to maintain the DFID financial year (April 2013 – March 2014) in target and to provide for the EEP External Audit to be conducted in June 2014.

Operational plan and need assessment – Tornado affected areas in Kishoregonj and Dharmapasha:

- Concern Worldwide submitted proposal for operational plan and needs assessment in relation to support ESEP BHHs affected by the Tornado.
- DFID provided approval for using the Contingency Fund for the Tornado affected 1,142 BHHs of our Scale Fund NGO Concern Worldwide. **The approved amount is BDT 7,781,650 Equivalent to GBP 59,859 under the Contingency Fund.**
- Ecorys UK and British Council, Manchester requested EEP/Shiree ensured a smooth operation of the proposed activities. EEP/Shiree formed a EEP/Shiree Overseeing Committee to monitor the progress of the activities and necessary process audit during implementation.
- Concern Worldwide was requested to facilitate the procurement process with a detailed implementation plan. The EEP Finance and Operations team visited the Tornado affected Concern Worldwide BHHs at Kishoregonj and Dharmapasha from 5-8 May 2014.
- Concern Worldwide submitted an Operational Plan and process for Rehabilitation intervention on 30th June 2014.

Eradication of the Extreme Poverty Day on 31st May:

- EEP day financial and procurement management was done by EEP/Shiree finance team.
- A committee was formed for bidding process for selection of event management for EEP day.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Applying Best Practice in Procurement

In accordance with best practice procurement, tenders for goods were issued. Procurement savings were realised.

Table 20: Procurement savings realised

<i>Sl no.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Suppliers</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Actual price</i>	<i>Comparative price</i>	<i>Savings in Amount</i>	<i>Savings in %</i>
1	Laptop	Brac Net	6	353,600.00	361,000	7,400.00	2%
2	Mobile Set	Zikra Telecom	144	917,772.00	1,166,400.00	248,628.00	21%
3	Hiring Event Management firm for poverty day'14	E3 Solutions	1	1,042,916.00	3,528,462.00	2,485,546.00	70%
4	Jute Bag and Badge for poverty day'14	E3 Solutions	2000	530,400.00	723,840.00	193,440.00	27%
5	Newspaper Supplementary in daily newspaper- <i>In English</i>	The Daily Star	1	747,840.00	943,000.00	195,160.00	21%
6	Newspaper Supplementary in daily newspaper- <i>In Bangla</i>	Prothom Alo	1	1,239,840.00	1,508,800	268,960.00	18%
<i>Total</i>				4,832,368	8,231,502	3,399,134	

(Figures quoted in BDT)

The nutrition procurement was made through Crown Agents to ensure best value for money.

Table 20: Nutrition Procurement

Sl no.	Item	Suppliers	Qty	Actual price	Comparative price	Savings	Savings in %
1	Micronutrients Powder(1 gm Sachet)	Renata Limited	3,329,100	7,324,020.00	5,892,507.00	1,431,513	-24%
2	CPK Register with guideline	S.R. Enterprise	600	186,000.00	206,400.00	20,400	10%
3	CPK module	S.R. Enterprise	550	53,900.00	77,000.00	23,100	30%
4	IYCF job aid	S.R. Enterprise	7,500	103,500.00	161,250.00	57,750	36%
5	Hand washing job aid	S.R. Enterprise	6,600	75,900.00	129,030.00	53,130	41%
Total				7,743,320	6,466,187	-1,277,133	

Renata Limited was selected due to its cost-efficient technical proposal.

Cost Reductions through Partnerships

EEP/Shiree looks for cost sharing partnerships when arranging large meetings and events. This has resulted in significant cost savings. The partnership with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and the World Food Programme (WFP) as co-organiser in arranging the Eradication Extreme Poverty Day 2014 helped to achieve a reduction of costs of 40%. Also the contract with British Council to sublet the EEP/Shiree office space reduced the cost of EEP/Shiree's office rent. The details of the cost reductions are given below:

Table 21: Cost Reductions from Partnerships

Sl no.	Name of sharing partner	cost head	Amount
1	Manusher Jonno Foundation	Poverty day'14	336,400.00
2	World Food programme	Poverty day'14	336,400.00
3	British Council	Office rent	180,000.00
	Total		852,800.00

(Figures quoted in BDT)

Enhanced Financial Monitoring

When the EEP/Shiree approves its budget for the next year, a monitoring process is established to control and compare performance against it during the year. As a part of this process, the EEP/Shiree finance team with respective programme personnel arrange thorough discussion sessions with the project management team. This is vital to ensure that the projects meet the strategic objectives. Any departure from the budget can have significant implications for the organisation. EEP/Shiree takes necessary adjustments to address all deviation before giving any approvals. During this quarter we practiced this with the Scale Fund Partner NGOs: Care, NETZ, Practical Action Bangladesh, Save the Children and Uttaran. Furthermore, two Partner NGOs under the Innovation Fund were approved for no-cost extension periods.

Moreover EEP/Shiree conducts annual internal audit feedback sessions with its partner NGOs highlighting issues best use of projects resources and assets transfers to BHH. The majority of the internal audits conducted during the second quarter were focused on checking the best use of the project resources, identifying any idle capacity and assessing transparency, authenticity and efficiency of the asset transfer for the BHHs.

Efficient Use of Procured Items

EEP/Shiree always attempt to ensure efficient use of procured items and maintain a strong inventory system.

- EEP/Shiree recently transferred sewing machines and cameras used by a closed down Partner NGO project to other ongoing Partner NGO projects.
- All vehicles and equipment of EEP/Shiree projects are being operated efficiently without any disruption.

Applying Best Practice in Budget Negotiation

To achieve value for money, EEP/Shiree conducts a budget negotiation process that is mindful of the principle that value for money should not always be equated to budget cuts. This process requires justification of each unit and rate on the budget.

VFM during internal audit

- There were observations on procurement by some NGOs (Practical Action, Concern Worldwide, Uttarran and DSK) which have been addressed with the NGOs.
- The capacity of the EEP/Shiree finance team to address VFM issues during internal audit and other processes of engagement with NGOs is increasing. Further capacity building on VFM and related aspects could provide a high VFM investment.

ANNEX 1: PROGRAMME PLAN

Shiree/EEP Workplan - version: 26th Jan 2014						2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016
		Value £	cost per HH	no of HH	end date	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1
1	NGO Contracts - Scale Fund				note 3																	
1.1	Scale Fund Rd 1 Phase 1				end																	
	Care	3,524,497	176	20,000	29/02/2012	29-Feb																
	PAB	3,238,817	192	16,850	31/03/2012	31-Mar				FOLLOW UP MONITORING CMS 2,3,5, GMS AND SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPORT												
	Save	3,312,672	221	15,000	31/03/2012	31-Mar																
	DSK	2,348,323	235	10,000	31/03/2012	31-Mar																
	Uttaran	2,678,131	223	12,000	31/03/2012	31-Mar	end															
	Netz	2,562,991	285	9,000	30/04/2012	30-Apr																
	Total Rd 1	17,665,431	213	82,850																		
1.2	Scale Fund Rd 1 Phase 2				start	start												end	end			
	Care	4,073,505	204	20,000	31/12/2015	01-Mar												29-Feb				
	PAB	3,350,916	223	15,000	30/09/2015	01-Apr												31-Mar	FOLLOW UP			
	Save	4,125,323	188	22,000	31/12/2015	01-Apr												31-Mar	MONITORING			
	DSK	3,289,848	219	15,000	31/12/2015	01-Apr												31-Mar	AND SUPP SUPPRT			
	Uttaran	3,042,272	203	15,000	31/12/2015	01-Apr												31-Mar				
	Netz	2,432,144	270	9,000	31/12/2015	01-May															30-Apr	
	Total Rd 1 - Phase 2	20,314,008	212	96,000																		
1.3	Scale Fund Round 2																					
	Oxfam	2,400,280	229	10,500	31/12/2015													31-Aug	FOLLOW UP			
	Caritas	2,947,354	295	10,000	31/12/2015													31-Aug	MONITORING			
	Concern	3,333,271	148	22,500	30/09/2015													30-Nov	AND SUPP SUPPORT			
	Total Rd 2	8,680,905	202	43,000																		
1.4	Scale Fund Round 3 (Scale Up)											start										
	Helvetas	646,853	259	2,500	31/12/2015							01-Aug										31-Dec
	HKI	584,177	234	2,500	31/12/2015							01-Aug										31-Dec
	Green Hill	676,763	271	2,500	31/12/2015							01-Aug										31-Dec
	Shushilan	647,025	259	2,500	31/12/2015							01-Aug										31-Dec
	MJSKS	564,962	282	2,000	31/12/2015							01-Aug										31-Dec
	Total Rd 3 (Scale Up) note 4	3,119,780	260	12,000									start									
1.5	SCALE OUT - additional HH across Scale Fund																					
	Uttaran	1,147,200	191	6,000	31/12/2015								start									31-Dec
	Helvetas	954,000	191	5,000	31/12/2015								start									31-Dec
	Oxfam	1,030,000	206	5,000	31/12/2015								start									31-Dec
	Caritas	622,500	249	2,500	31/12/2015								start									31-Dec
	CARE	1,005,000	201	5,000	31/12/2015								start									31-Dec
	DSK	937,500	188	5,000	31/12/2015								start									31-Dec
	SCI	1,033,150	207	5,000	31/12/2015									start								31-Dec
	Netz	823,350	250	3,300	31/12/2015									start								31-Dec
	Green Hill	895,500	179	5,000	31/12/2015									start								31-Dec
	Shushilan	1,215,900	174	7,000	31/12/2015									start								31-Dec
	SCALE OUT - additional HH across Scale Fund	9,664,100	198	48,800																		end
1.6	Total Scale Fund	59,444,224	210	282,650		people =	1,037,326	at ave family size of:	3.67													
1.7	Supplementary Support Fund	2,200,000																				end
1.7	Contingency Fund (shocks)	400,000																				end

2.1 Innovation Fund Rd 1													
Helvetas	246,328	223	1,104	31/08/2012	3754	31-Aug							Follow up monitoring (CMS2)
HKI	274,222	609	450	31/08/2012		31-Aug							and supplemental support
Green Hill	287,955	240	1,200	31/10/2012			31-Oct						under Scale Fund Rd 3
Shushilan	243,206	243	1,000	31/08/2012		31-Aug							contracts
Aid Comilla	246,366	164	1,500	31/08/2012		31-Aug							
CNRS	243,206	162	1,500	31/08/2012		31-Aug							
Total IF Rd 1	1,541,283	228	6,754										
2.2 Innovation Fund Rd 2													
MJSKS	281,245	443	635	31/08/2012		31-Aug							Follow up monitoring (CMS2) and supplemental support under SCF3 contract
Helvetas	303,070	379	800	31/08/2012		31-Aug							
Puamdo	284,964	368	775	31/01/2013			31-Jan						
SKS	301,138	301	1,000	31/08/2012		31-Aug							
AAB	346,936	289	1,200	31/10/2012			31-Oct						
NDP	299,766	284	1,055	31/08/2012		31-Aug							
TOTAL IF RD2	1,817,119	333	5,465										
2.3 Innovation Fund Rd 3													
Concern	297,979	426	700	31/12/2014									time extension 31-Dec
SSS	289,020	361	800	31/05/2014									31-May LL report
BOSS	125,873	315	400	31/08/2013									31-Aug LL report
GUK	291,982	252	1160	30/11/2013									31-Oct LL report
ADD	300,000	429	700	31/12/2013									31-Dec extension to end Aug LL report
PLAN	288,455	115	2,500	31/12/2013									31-Dec LL report
SCI	299,760	333	900	31/12/2013									31-Dec extension to June 30th LL report
TOTAL IF RD3	1,893,069	264	7,160										
2.4 Innovation Fund Rd 4													
Green Hill	299,866	231	1,300	31/10/2014									31-Oct
Tarango	304,012	405	750	31/10/2014									31-Oct
ECODEV	301,019	401	750	30/09/2014									30-Sep
IDE	318,038	318	1,000	30/09/2014									30-Sep
SCI	300,000	250	1,200	31/12/2014									31-Dec
Prip	329,698	330	1,000	31/10/2014									31-Oct
Handicap Intl	300,000	500	600	31/10/2014									31-Oct
Help Age	299,600	300	1000	31/09/2014									30-Sep
Total IF Rd 4	2,452,233	323	7,600										
Total all contracts (plus SSF and Contingency)	69,323,665	224	309,629										
3 Nutrition Component - all Scale Fund													
note 1													
start													
3.3 Nutrition Innovation Fund Rd 1													
World Fish	119,970			31/12/2015									
TOYMU	99,948			28/02/2015									
3.4 Nutrition IF Round 2													
SCI	104,347			31/12/2015									
TDH	99,998			31/12/2015									
3.5 Total Nutrition IF													
note 2													
4 ALL CONTRACTS + Nutrition IF													
70,172,191													
309,629													
Average family size: 3.67													
Total Direct Beneficiaries 1,136,338													

					2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	
					Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	
5	Monitoring Systems																					
5.1	Change Monitoring System																					
		CMS1: baseline			SCF Rd 2/IF	SCF Rd1/Ph2						Scale Up		SCF Rd 3								
		CMS2: monthly snapshot			pilot continuing	Roll Out	Roll Out					refresher training										
		CMS3: Panel Survey with anthrop			(7)Mar 12				(8)Mar 13				(9)Mar 14					(10)Mar 15				(11)Mar 16
		CMS4(I): Group Reflections (IF)																				
		CMS5: Qual tracking															follow up					Follow up
5.2	IF impact survey and LL reports				IF Rd 1 & 2						IF3 (BOSS)	IF3 (4)	IF3 (SSS)		IF3/IF4	IF4						Follow up
5.3	Graduation Monitoring System GMS																					
5.4	Livestock Monitoring System LMS (MJSKS PILOT 2)																					
5.5	Nutrition Monitoring								with cms3				with cms3				with cms3					with cms3
6	Research																					
6.1	NGO defined Research Investigations				2nd Round		3rd Round			4th round												
6.2	State of Extreme Poverty Report													Vol 1							Vol 2	
6.3	EPRG				6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	Advocacy																					
7.1	Shiree LL events				6th(Ap-CHT)		7th(Sep-Syl)	8th(Feb-Barisal)		Jul-(Bogra w												
7.2	Cross DFID EP Project sharing meetings				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7.3	EP Day							3rd EP Day Nov														
7.4	State of Extreme Poverty report event																					
7.5	Press including Op Eds													X								
7.6	Website maintenance and social media																					
7.7	Private Sector engagement				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7.8	Manifesto for the Extreme Poor						initiate	consult		draft	refine	launch dec 3	disseminate and build									
7.9	Other advocacy events(district)				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7.10	MoUs with GoB depts									DLS/DFS			x		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7.11	Other publications (research/advocacy)				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	Gender Mainstreaming Review																					
	Implement Gender Action Plan																					
9	OTHER																					
9.1	Qrtly/Annual reports				Annual	qtrly	qtrly	qtrly	Annual	qtrly	qtrly	qtrly	Annual	qtrly	qtrly	qtrly	Annual	qtrly	qtrly	Final	Final	
9.2	NSC				8th(Feb)	9th(Jun)		10th(Nov)		11th(May)	12th(Jun)	13th (Nov)					X		X		X	X
9.3	DFID Annual Review							AR Oct-Nov				AR					AR					PCR
9.4	Other Reviews/studies						silpa IF3	Institutional			advocacy/research											
										savings												
9.5	External Audit				X					X				X				X				X
9.6	Consortium Review meeting				X							Nov										

Notes :

note 1 : Contract values include nutrition component

note 2 : Nutrition Innovation Fund works mainly with current HH (World Fish - Helvetas HH, Toymu- Caritas HH)

note 3 : Scale Fund contract end dates stated are for original livelihood component contract , nutrition component extends some contracts to Sept 2015, scale out will require further contract extension to Dec 31st 2015

note 4 : Scale Fund Rd 3 (scale up) projects also include original Innovation Fund beneficiaries for monitoring and follow up support

ANNEX 2: SCALE FUND HIGHLIGHTS

Scale Fund Round 1: NGO Operational Highlights³

Uttaran

- 4,564 additional BHHS have completed the CMS1 survey.
- 1,215 BHHS received asset support.
- 205 community groups were formed.
- Under the Phase II fund 25 widow/deserted BHHS, 69 disabled BHHS and 37 old aged BHHS received a GoB safety net.
- Under the additional fund 75 widow/deserted BHHS, 42 disabled BHHS and 34 old aged BHHS received a GoB safety net.
- A total of 823 BHHs received health services referred by the project.
- 1112 BHHs received temporary lease of khasland – a total of 71.63 acres.
- A total of 992 new BHHs had access to hygienic sanitation.
- A total of 1217 new BHHs have access to safe water.
- 89 BHHs receive khasland through permanent lease – 19.25 acres.
- Two advocacy workshops were held with the Government Land Committee at Batiagata and Dumuria Upazilas for strengthening permanent land transfer.

NETZ

- HH profiles of 1,800 out of 3,300 BHHs have been collected for CMS1 data collection.
- A micro plan has been prepared for 1800 BHHs.
- 126 BHHs received tube well/latrines support from UP Office.
- 288 BHHs received safety net support from GoB.
- 280 vaccination camps were held.
- 1,800 BHHS received assets during this reporting period.
- 1,935 livestock were distributed (cattle, goats, sheep, pigs etc.).
- A total of 15,100 BHHs have been provided assets to June 2014; asset transfer targets have been met.
- The project staff is continuing to lobby the local Assistant Commissioner (land) to get khas land from the government. The project staff also held several

DSK

- CMS1 baseline survey completed for 3,711 Scale Out BHHs
- 11 groups and 23 CBOs were formed
- GMS was conducted with nearly 4,000 BHHs
- BDT 6,299,396 deposited as savings by Phase 2 BHHs. BDT 983,725 deposited as savings by Scale Out BHHs 1,835,276 deposited by Phase 1 BHHs
- 477 CBO Management Meetings held
- 192 BHHs received assets
- 325 courtyard sessions were held on general issues and health issues
- 440 Static Clinics and 430 satellite clinics operated
- 178 BHHs received old age and disability allowance from local governments
- 176 BHHs were referred to consultant doctors and 25 BHHs were hospitalised
- 2 community latrines and 2 community water points were installed

³ Programme activities for Scale Fund Round 1 will refer mostly to Phase 2 beneficiary households (BHHs) unless otherwise stipulated.

Practical Action Bangladesh

- Major achievement was the completion and harvesting of sandbar pumpkin crops. 4,812 BHH implemented sandbar cropping at 94 sandbar spots covering 1,107 acres of sandbar.
- 310 savings groups were formed with the participation of 7,686 BHHs, accumulating a total of Tk.451,745.
- 70 BHHs received training and equipment for rickshaw/van repair and assembly.
- 199 female BHHs received two days of training on heifer rearing – one heifer was given to each of them.
- GMS was completed for 13,621 HHs to identify comparatively less progressed BHHs, and to help them enhance their graduation with additional support and supervision.
- Honourable State Minister Mr. Moshir Rahman Ranga and other government officials visited in April. They observed the activities and their impacts on the ground, talked to beneficiaries, and observed the project's impacts on livelihoods.

Care

- The profiles of 979 BHHs were completed under CMS1.
- An average of 8,104 BHHs were followed up through CMS2 in each month.
- The collection of GMS data began. BHHs from both Phase I and Phase II are involved in this activity.
- 2,915 BHHs were given a total amount of Tk. 37,938,285 support for income generation.
- 215 economic assessment sessions were conducted at ward level through the involvement of BHHs.
- 19 participants of BHHs completed two-month long training starting on 1st April. They are now completing on-the-job training at Fareast Garments.
- A total of 100 participants received training from G4S and are now employed in different offices.
- 11 savings groups conducted their AGM with participation of a total of 367 members.
- A vaccination camp was organised at Pabnapur Union where 150 cows, 200 goats/sheep and at least 1,200 hens were vaccinated.
- Four days long residential refresher training on Gender and Nutrition was successfully organised for 280 CPKs.

Save the Children

- For the CMS1 survey the household profile for 3,753 BHHs was completed. CMS1 for all additional beneficiaries was completed.
- 3,626 HHs have been assisted in developing a HH micro-plan. These BHHs were selected as a part of additional HHs.
- Asset delivery has been completed for all beneficiaries for the first time.
- 4,248 HHs received IGA support among which 3,843 were women. Most of the households (3,783) received support for setting up small businesses/trading.
- Technical support and advice to BHHs for asset management, marketing products etc. has been continuing.
- 56 community meetings and 5,437 courtyard meetings were held where all beneficiaries participated.
- One project BHH, a beauty parlour, was awarded the best beneficiary award by EEP/Shiree.
- Two Field Facilitators (FFs) and Two Community Pushti Kormis (CPKs) from CODEC and Prodipan were awarded the FOOTY (Field Officer of the Year) at the Extreme Poverty Day.

Scale Fund Round 2: NGO Operational Highlights

Caritas

- 74 BHHS were supported with cash to acquire/process hilly land due to possession of headman reports.
- 10,790 beneficiaries were supported to buy four types of vegetable seed.
- Cash support was provided for purchasing ginger and aroid seeds to 1,774 and 103 BHHS respectively.
- Poultry and livestock assets were distributed to 1,396 BHHS.
- 4,862 fruit and medicinal tree saplings were distributed to 703 BHHS.
- 1,322 Phase 2 beneficiaries received training on vegetable cultivation, cash crop and rice cultivation and small enterprise.
- 265 BHHS were supported with a sanitary hygiene latrine.
- 15 graduates from tailoring and embroidery training were supported with sewing machines.
- Alikadam Upazila organised a field day on the occasion of the paddy harvesting, with the participation of beneficiaries and neighbour farms, to disseminate improved agricultural technology among participants.
- A booklet describing project activities was published and a video documentary showing project impacts was prepared.

Oxfam

- 2,917 BHHS received asset and IGA inputs such as livestock and poultry, rickshaws/vans, fishing nets/boats, or sewing machines.
- 39 CBOs were formed in a new working area to target new BHHS.
- 2,381 beneficiaries received training on book keeping for small business management at a community level. 870 BHHS received training on account keeping.
- 1,406 people engaged in 56 schemes as part of immediate consumption support through direct cash transfer. This support contributed towards meeting daily food requirements.
- The old age stipend and disability allowance was distributed to 90 beneficiaries at 1,500 Tk. per quarter. This money was mostly spent on food and medicines.
- 154 EPHHs received latrine support. Community awareness sessions were also conducted on personal hygiene and WASH issues.
- Women's groups organised under the CBOs started to meet monthly with the purpose of sharing individual challenges and actions to overcome these challenges.
- A two-day long training session was held on issues facing care givers of disabled people. 30 participants attended.
- Two schools were selected for the construction of latrine complexes. They should be completed by the end of June.

Concern Worldwide (CWW)

- CMS2 follow up data was collected from 15,000 BHHS – this is 67% of all BHHS.
- 22,500 BHHS were given follow-up support, and counselling/guidance for IGA growth/enhancement and management.
- Savings in this quarter were around Tk. 5 lacs.
- 500 BHHS received GoB safety net support.
- 215 CPKs provided services to the programme participants.
- Livestock vaccination and deworming is ongoing.

- 5,000 extremely poor HHs were sustainably engaged in the cultivation of three tested cropping patterns on small lease holdings using new technologies.
- 17,500 extremely poor HHs sustainably operated additional income options.
- Local government institutions and departments have been responsive to the needs of the extreme poor in resource allocation and other services. Initiatives to get safety net options from the government department for the most disadvantaged families. Initiatives also started to obtain khaslands and water bodies for the project beneficiaries from government. They are also providing support to CBOs.

Scale Fund Round 3: NGO Operational Highlights

Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

- Early rice harvesting was inaugurated by DC. Many renowned national and local print and electronic media outlets covered the event.
- A project orientation workshop was organised with 11 Union Parishad.
- Due to collaboration with a WASH project a significant number of BHHs received sanitary latrine support.
- Under the scaled up fund 2,500 BHHs received asset support. 75 widows/deserted BHHs received safety net support. 254 BHHs received VGD.
- Under the scaled up fund 935 BHHs have access to hygienic sanitation. 1793 have safe water. 2,500 BHHs have a homestead garden. 531 BHHs applied for khasland.
- Under the additional fund, 1,063 completed the CMS1 survey. 5,000 BHHs received asset support. 5,000 BHHs received IGA training. 273 community groups were formed. Tk. 663,820 was accumulated in savings. 1,910 BHHs have safe water. 5,000 BHHs have a homestead garden.

Shushilan

- Under the 'scaled up' fund 1,772 BHHs received productive assets/IGA inputs. Tk. 742,950 in savings was accumulated. 720 households received support from Union Livestock Officer. 1,380 households received support from Union Agricultural Officer. 52 widow/deserted BHHs received GoB safety nets. 62 BHHs received health services referred by the project. 875 BHHs have access to hygienic sanitation. 1,490 BHHs have safe water. 3 BHHs received a permanent lease of khasland.
- Under the 'additional' fund, 7,000 BHHs completed the CMS1 survey and CMS1 data entry. 2,114 BHHs received productive assets/IGA inputs. 6,227 BHHs received IGA training. 351 community groups were formed. Tk. 237,000 was accumulated in savings. 475 BHHs received support from UAO. 17 old aged BHHs received safety nets. 400 BHHs have access to hygienic sanitation; 625 BHHs have safe water.
- A total of 984 BHHs received a temporary lease of khasland, and 250 BHHs got registration for fish cultivation on khasland.
- 62 BHHs were supported amounting to Tk. 155,046 for critical health problems.

MJSK

- 162 beneficiaries are receiving GoB social safety net support. 224 beneficiaries are involved in 100 days of employment.
- 44 beneficiaries have received their principle asset – reproductively sound heifers/cows.
- 1,999 BHHs received supplementary IGA support for procuring ducks and/or poultry.
- 22 BHHs received livestock rearing training.
- 35 calves were born and leftover milk was consumed by BHHs.

- Individual counselling on ‘infant and young child feeding practices’ was carried out with 54 pregnant women, 69 lactating women and 403 adolescent girls.
- 317 group meetings were held where general health hygiene and nutrition-related issues were covered.

Hellen Keller International

- 512 small livestock assets were delivered (goats and pigs) of a total value of 1,536,000 taka.
- 4 monthly meetings with marketing committees were held at the para level. Committee member roles and responsibilities were decided and plans for future activities were drafted.
- Linkage meetings were held at each Upazilla level office between BHH group leader, bazaar committee members, vendors and paikers to strengthen marketing committee activities in the coming months.
- Some homestead gardens were negatively affected by heavy rainfall.
- Financial audit was held by EEP/Shiree CFO and Finance team

Green Hill

- Data collection of 7,500 BHHs for CMS1 is completed; data entry is in progress.
- Almost Tk. 40 million was disbursed as Conditional Cash Transfer.
- 4,417 BHHs received skill development training.
- 32 demonstration plots were established in four Upazillas with various crops.
- 9 market linkage workshops were held in this quarter – 324 participants were involved.

ANNEX 3: INNOVATION FUND HIGHLIGHTS

Innovation Fund Round 3: NGO Operational Highlights

ADD

- CMS2 follow-up data collection is ongoing. 85% had been collected by June.
- 50 beneficiaries received shirt making training.
- Small business management training had been provided to 172 beneficiaries.
- Shoe making training had been provided to 25 participants.
- Jute product making training had been provided to 25 participants.
- Asset distribution has been completed for 172 beneficiaries for small businesses.
- 700 challenged people have been trained in skilled operation and/or small business enterprise.
- 225 beneficiaries/relatives of beneficiaries got jobs in garment factories.

Concern Worldwide- INVEST

- CMS 2 follow-up data was collected for 429 BHHs in June 2014.
- 117 BHHs were transferred IGAs (vans and food)
- 150 BHHs received training on Confidence Building and Business Entrepreneurship
- 12 cluster group meetings were completed
- 110 BHHs moved to living in the slum from living on the street
- 1 linkage and 1 risk management meeting was held at Malibagh and Mirpur areas. The local respective law enforcement members were present.
- 10 street promotion campaigns were organised

SCI- Tanisha

- 388 girls from extreme poor households received IGA assets/inputs.
- 350 beneficiaries received IGA skills development refresher trainings. Among them, 85 received training on sewing machine operations and training, and the remaining 265 beneficiaries received training on duck farming and goat rearing.
- Refresher training was held for all four Field Facilitators to inform them on the implementation strategy for the following six months.
- Sitting mats and flipcharts were delivered to 75 safe spaces to be used by beneficiaries during discussion sessions.
- Union Parishad-based livestock and poultry experts helped to select good livestock from the vendors, and offered advice on livestock management and poultry rearing.

SSS

- The programme phased out on 31 May.
- Under CMS2 75% of follow up data has been collected.

Innovation Fund Round 4: NGO Operational Highlights

Eco-Dev

- BHHs received income from selling medicinal plants and livestock: 935 Kg of Basok leaves were sold for Tk. 37,400; 5,520 Kg of dried turmeric was sold for Tk. 303,600; and 6,180 Kg of dried kalomegh was sold for Tk. 309,000.
- A three day medicinal plant fair was held in April, and a second two day medicinal fair was held in June. The objectives were to familiarise stakeholders and local people about medicinal products and to promote product marketing by establishing linkages with local and national buyers.
- A medicinal plant expert visited to observe land preparation for medicinal cultivation and share quality product promotion through linkages with buyers of medicinal plants.

Green Hill

- 1,207 BHHs were followed up under CMS2 each month.
- 289 BHHs received government social safety net support.
- 8 Farmers' Field Days were organised.
- 10 demonstration plots were established.
- 1,300 BHHs are regularly engaged in Savings and Loan Activities of the PRASAKTI Project.
- Loans were disbursed to 236 group members.
- Ms Nasrin Sultana from Oxfam visited in June. It was discussed how a Collection Point could be run and operated by BHHs and villagers jointly.

Handicap International

- 7 BHHs received 7 week long training on tailoring
- 61 BHHs received skill training on livestock management
- 25 BHHs received fund management training
- 332 BHHs received Livestock and vocational training
- 92 BHHs received refresher training on homestead gardening

- 15 BHHs received training on beef fattening
- An exposure visit by 6 BHHs in Bashbaria and Barabkunda unions to successful BHHs in Muradpur and Sayedpur unions.
- 600 BHHs were visited by Community Livestock Workers for rehabilitation support for disabled member and 140 BHHs were visited by Livestock Officers for follow-up support in June 2014.
- 20 courtyard sessions were attended by beneficiaries on the rights of disabled people
- Assessments of accessibility work requirements and cost estimations were completed in April including 5 service providers, 4 work places and 7 households. The procurement and implementation will begin next quarter.
- 1 advocacy meeting conducted with 9 DPOs on their roles and responsibilities for the sustainable socio-economic development with inclusion of people with disabilities.
- 9 people with disabilities have ensured wage employment and 2 have been selected for computer training.

HelpAge International

- 86% of BHHs have been targeted in CMS2.
- 2 cows and 7 sheep were delivered to 6 beneficiaries for compensation of asset loss.
- 6 health camps were organised in both project areas. 236 beneficiaries received health treatment and medicine support through the health camps.
- Data collection from 2 project locations was completed and report writing is ongoing.
- 61 CSC meetings were organised in both project areas.
- One consultation meeting was organised with the local health service providers. There were 34 participants at the meeting.
- 4 advocacy workshops were organised. 116 participants attended.

iDE

- Conditional Cash Transfers were disbursed to 404 BHHs during the reporting period.
- 231 technical and social training sessions were facilitated for participants and stakeholders.
- 32 demonstration plots were established.
- Planning session and group business training has been conducted.
- Group business capital fund has been disbursed among one group in the last year.
- Six members of the JICA team visited the WOTSHAB project in May.

PRIP Trust

- 99 monthly group meetings were arranged.
- 60 bi-monthly Hubs Management Committee meetings were held.
- CMS2 baseline study was completed for 885 BHHs – 88.5% of the total.
- 5 fortnightly staff meetings were arranged.
- 50 FCW (Female Construction Workers) groups (1,000 BHHs) are in operation.
- 10 FCW centres are in operation.
- 800 FCWs have had basic orientation in construction.
- 970 FCWs have had occupational skills training.
- All formalities have been fulfilled to open a DPS account in July.
- Issue of ID cards to FCWs is in process and will be completed by July.

Save the Children - Khulna

- Project staff continued their efforts in guiding the guardians of children to ensure proper utilisation and management of their assets.
- 59 BHHs opened accounts with different banks and post offices.
- 290 beneficiaries received safety net support of different types.
- 500 beneficiaries were referred by the project to different GO and NGO hospitals and clinics. Under this, 2026 beneficiaries have so far received free health services.
- 1106 new children accessed 11 Learning and Reception Centres, and are enjoying different activities and opportunities such as tuition support, ethical education, child rights, art, music, and library.
- Project participants joined the celebration of Bangabandhu's Birthday as 'Children's Day'.
- 39 children received a free health check up on World Health Day.

Tarango

- CMS2 follow up data was collected from 650 BHHs in June 2014
- All 700 BHHs have received primary assets and are engaged in IGAs
- 48 BHHs received IGA skill training
- 2 BHHs received primary assets (sewing machines) and 127 BHHs received waist loom, hand loom, bamboo, wood and natural crafts.
- 12 traditional crafts were collected from BHHs
- 38 market oriented trades were designed by the Project team and will be introduced in the waist loom and bamboo crafts trainings.
- Nearly BDT 18 Lac handicraft products were produced
- BDT158,004 were deposited in VSLA groups this quarter
- The Craft emporium association has been formed during this quarter with representatives of 750 BHHs to manage product sale both at the Emporium and at local markets.
- Meeting with ARONG was held regarding joint collaboration on promotion of Bandarban crafts.

ANNEX 4: QUARTERLY ADVOCACY UPDATE FROM NGO PARTNERS

NGO Name: **Shushilan**

Project Name: EEP/SHIREE/Managing Natural Resources by the Coastal Community (MaNaR)

Name and title of contact person: M. Mujibur Rahman

Working area (districts and upazilla): Syamnagar, Kalaroa (Satkhira), Keshobpur, Abhaynagar (Jessore) and Amtoli (Barguna)

Total beneficiary households: 10,500

Reporting Period: April-June, 2014

Date: July 12, 2014

Activity	Brief Description	Desired Change	Who Participated	Follow up	Response/ Benefits Perceived	Impact/
National Level	<p>The 9th Lesson Learning workshop organized at Shushilan Tiger Point Satkhria, on “Climate Change Adaptation and Graduation Enhancement” from 27 to 29th April’14. EEP/Shiree and NGO partners have been engaged in multiple discussions on how to achieve absolute graduation across the programme by 2015. Monitoring tools such as CMS 2 are integral to reaching that goal. Hence, the opportunity to discuss approaches to graduation enhancement was taken during the Workshop. The event brought together all Scale Fund NGOs, DFID, and District level Government Representatives and EEP/Shiree representatives.</p> <p>Shushilan participated on EEP/Shiree Eradication Extreme poverty Day Fair’14 On 31th May at Bosundhra Convention Center where displayed various BHHs products and innovation.</p>	<p>On the presentation and discussion session all participants desired to have more intensive technical support and assistance to the extreme poor community to eradicate hunger and poverty from Bangladesh through collaboration of all partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>Displayed BHHs handicraft products and innovation to introduce different stakeholders of Bangladesh.</p>	<p>Shushilan, Oxfam, Concern Worldwide, Care Bangladesh, Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK), NETZ Bangladesh, Practical Action Bangladesh (PAB), Save the Children (SCI), Uttaran, Caritas, Helen Keller International (HKI), Green Hill, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HSI), PKSK and DFID</p> <p>Shushilan beneficiary Romesa awarded for the best struggling member, CPK and Field Organizer awarded as well.</p>	<p>M. Saidur Rahman, Senior program Manager, EEP/Shiree & M. Mujibur Rahman, PC, Shushilan followed up overall workshop.</p>	<p>A total number of 7 fields visits at Shushilan, Uttaron and PKSF by seven groups. In responded, Shushilan’s innovation project on crab fattening was very successful with a strong nutrition component. One thing we noticed was the risk of health and environmental shocks, highlighting the need for savings. We also found this project to be sustainable as the project ended in 2012 and beneficiaries are still using the same IGA and have even expanded their economic opportunities to have multiple income sources. One question to think about is the longer term impact of crab fattening on the environment.</p>	

<p>Local Level</p>	<p>A total number of three marketing linkage advocacy workshop organized on 27,28 & 29th June at Kesobpur, shyamnagar & Amtoli respectively where more than 300 persons participated from market actors, local & urban businessman and traders, GO , NGOs & UP representative, BHHs and different level stakeholders. At that workshop presented on project marketing strategies to access the poor communities on the marketing facilities and value chain process.</p> <p>Participated on the Digital Fair on 14-15th May at Kesobpur Upazila Field, Jessore whereas displayed BHHs various products and innovation to the visitors, also displayed shushilan products such as Honey of Sundarban and Pickle of Keora fruit of Sundarban as well.</p> <p>A total number of 3 advocacy meetings with Upazilla level Govt. officials were held at Shyamnagar, Keshobpur & Amtoli Upazilla on 27, 29, 30th April respectively. Upazilla level Govt. officials especially AC land, ULO, UAO, UFO, RDO, USWO took part at the meetings where discussed on project activities and its present status, Govt. officials roles and responsibilities during the project implementation in the field level. In the meetings also discussed on safety-net facility provide to the beneficiaries, khasland distribution among the</p>	<p>Upazilla level Govt. officials and Local Govt. representatives has known about project activities and they also known EEP/SHIREE project is a Bangladesh & British Govt. joint venture project. So Govt. officials are responsible to assist the project activities. On the marketing linkage advocacy workshop showed about poor community involvement at marketing and value chain process, project activities and facilitation and risks and challenges. BHHs raised their demands to prevent market deprivation. They displayed their products and described about market and middle man deprivation. They urged to take preventive initiatives to the respective authorities.</p> <p>Respective UNO, AC Land & Upazila level Govt. officials assured us that they will also co-facilitate with the project activities specially marketing</p>	<p>ASM Munjur Alam, UNO-Kesobpur, Md. Abdullah, UNO-Amtoli, Md. Tobibur Rahman, UNO-Shyamnagar.</p> <p>Government Officers of Kesobpur-MS Mojunder, (AC Land), Shopon Kumar Roy (ULO), Sanjoy Kumar Das (UAO), AlamgirKabir (Fishery), Jakirul Islam (URDO), Jahidul Islam (UCO), Pibul Kumar malakar (PIO) and Upazila and UP representative.</p> <p>Government officers of Amtoli-Devenro Nat Orau, (AC Land), Sah Alam (UAO), M Assaduzzman (CPP), M Toffezel Hossain (Youth officer), M Taher (RDO), Azadur Rahman (UCO) and different Upazila and UP</p>	<p>Technical officer of the project regular coordinate with them and expected their assistance</p>	<p>The participants are very cooperative to help us implementing the project activities.</p>
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	<p>BHH, asset distribution, homestead gardening preparation etc. In the advocacy meeting of Amtoli especially discussed on newly re-excavated three canals management (Permission for fish culture of our BHH).</p> <p>A total number of two advocacy meeting organized on 26 & 27th May at Kesobpur and Shyamnagar Upazila respectively with Upazilla Chairman, UNO, URDO, APC, PC, TO, FO and Others participant at Kesobpur Upazila where discussed on the project goal and activities especially additional project activities for four Unions. PC & APC showed the project progress and some sorts of political problems for Biddanandakathi Union. All the participants' emphasized on smoothly implementation of project activities for social well-being, Upazila Chairman and UNO took that problem seriously and instructed respective Union Chairman for especial initiatives. The Chairman ensured that he would minimize all sorts of problems and help for project implementation properly. Another advocacy meeting organized at Shyamnagar Upazila with Md. Tabibur Rahman, UNO, Md. Reazul Islam, land Commissioner and different Upazila Go & NGOs Officers discussed project activities and progress especially on Khasland allocation for extreme poor. Project</p>	<p>strategies for purpose of accessing extreme poor communities on the marketing process.</p> <p>Respective Market actor, local businessman and different stakeholders also assured to assist on the marketing process to have maximum profit. They also instructed, recommended accessing on market process of the poor community such as develop joint group based IGAs initiatives.</p> <p>Three fisheries group of 250 BHHs were applied for fish based collective scheme at chrow union showing their traditional fishing profession and skill to the UNO for securing their livelihood on April. Finally they have been got registration from fisheries department of Bangladesh on June.</p> <p>At the meeting of Kesobpur Upazila M Mujibur Rahman and Md. Sohikul Islam, APC, showed about</p>	<p>representatives.</p> <p>Government officers of Shyamnagar- M Reazul Islam, (AC Land), Ali Hossain (UAO), Biplob Jit Kprmkar (ULO), Rajkumar Bissas (Fisheries), M Nasir Hossain (BRDB), M Sohikul Islam (Social welfare), M Johid Hossain, (Women Officer), Pronob Kumar Mollik (Edu)</p>		
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	<p>representatives showed information about khasland processing and application, by the response they assured that initiatives will be taken by June'14.</p> <p>Three Advocacy meetings were conducted at the Upazila Parishod Hall room at Amtoli, Kesobpur and Shyamnaagr on 26, 28, 29th June whereas chaired by Devenronath Orau AC land, Abu Said M Munjur Alom, UNO, and M Tabibur Rahman respectively. ULO, UAO, RDO, Fisheries officer and Upazila representatives of the respective three Upazila also participated at the advocacy meeting. The meeting were focused on Khasland/pond, Program update such as assets disbursed, group enterprise develop Tent, marketing linkage workshop, legal aid support, health and nutrition. Through those meeting all the participants were invited on the marketing linkage workshop. They assured their continuous support for program implementation. Respective UNO also requested and ordered to the participants to provide support from their side, and wished to eradicate (targeted population poverty) within 2015.</p>	<p>project goal, objectives and BHHs selection process. It was also informed some sorts of political problems for BHHs selection whereas demanded to take initiatives to the UNO and UP chairman and local leaders.</p> <p>Union Information Service Centre give us primary data of respective union like- VGD, VGF, old age allowance, widow allowance, disable allowance etc.</p> <p>In Upazila level coordination meeting the technical officer of EEP/Shiree project upholds the project goal, objective, activities etc. and the Govt. officials ensured that they always cooperates the project activities.</p>			
Community Level	Lobbying with influential people, landowners and different local stakeholders facilitated.	Local stakeholders assisted to our project staff to implement project activities	Religion leaders, Teachers, Cultural activists	Project staff regular coordinate with them in a view to smooth implementation	They are very cooperative

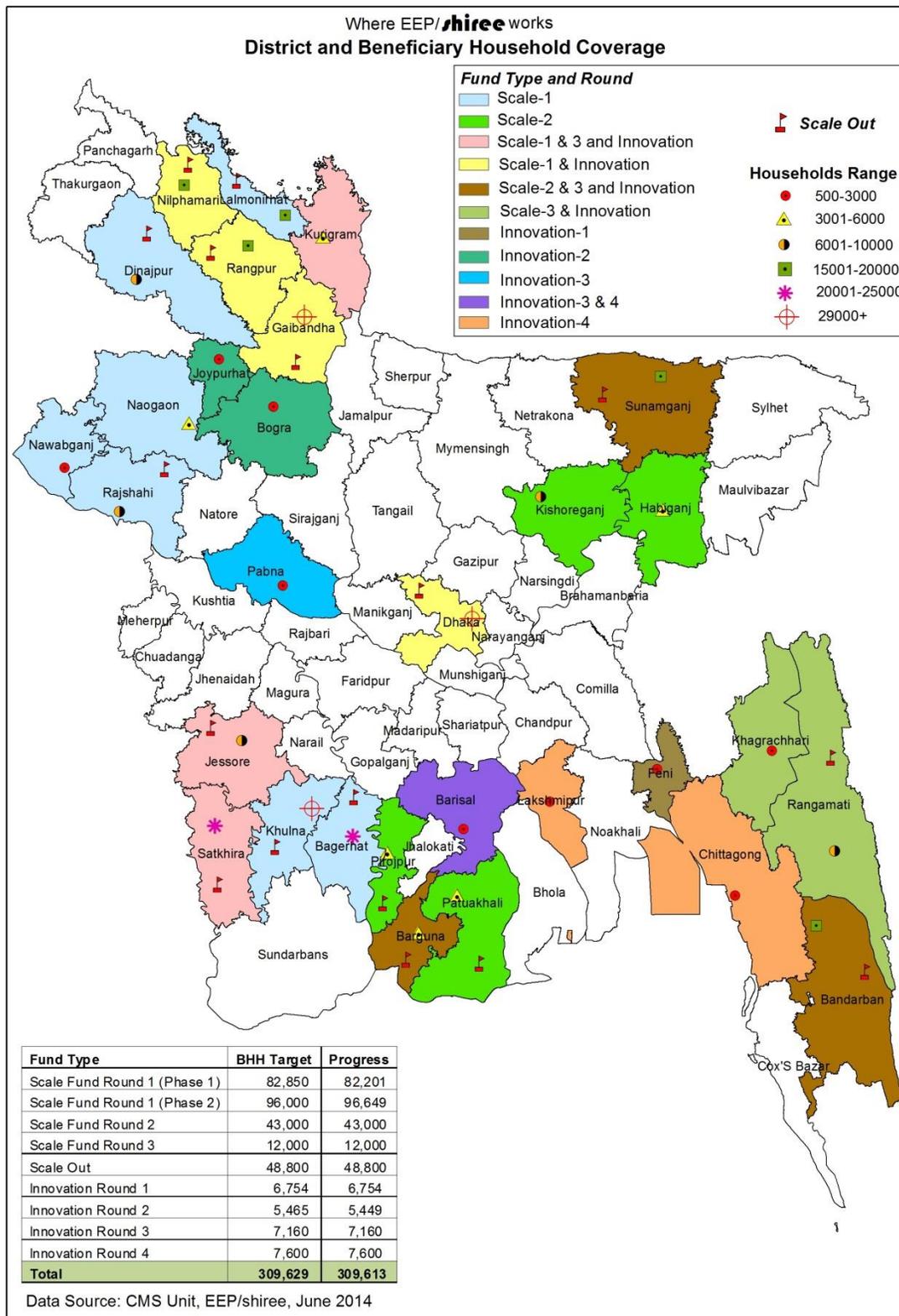
Household Level	Daily group meeting, BHHs counselling, courtyard session, training and orientation were conducted.	The beneficiaries/ community people have been participated on M&E process to be more effective and result oriented implementation process	Community people/beneficiaries took part	Project staff regular visit their HH	The community people/beneficiaries become change positively
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ANNEX 6: LOG FRAME OUTCOME INDICATOR 3 DETAILS

Outcome Indicator 3 - under 6 Manifesto Challenges		
Quarterly achievements (April - June 2014)		
Creating Economic Opportunities	<p>Discussions are in progress for partnering up Classical Handmade Products Ltd and investors in setting up an export oriented craft factory in rural locality which will create 1,800 jobs for extreme poor</p> <p>Speed meetings were held between Private Sector companies and NGOs at the Eradication of Extreme Poverty Day on the 31st May 2014. Private sector participants in these included: CZM, Holcim, Apex, Chevron, Bkash, Mpower, Bengal Jute, and Rahim Afroz. NGO participants included: Concern, SCI, Tarango, Care, DSK, Oxfam, CARITAS, and HIS. At least 4 potential partnerships came out of the event. Feedback forms are being used to follow up with these companies and NGOs.</p>	
Promoting Health & Nutrition		
Promoting Gender Equity	Completion of field staff training and field implementation of Gender-focused Behavioural Change Counselling modules (child marriage, equal food distribution, family planning, equal health care, equal division of household work) delivered through and adding value to the work of the established network of 1,779 Community Pushti Kormis (CPKs) in beneficiary courtyard session.	

Reducing Marginalised Group Vulnerabilities		
Increasing Access to Public Services	Advocacy efforts of several partner NGOs have focused on safety net access and CMS evidence shows an increasing trend in this respect.	
Building Resilience to External Shocks		
Cross-cutting		

ANNEX 7: DISTRICT AND BENEFICIARY HOUSEHOLD COVERAGE MAP



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